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SUBJ: ECE PLENARY ACTION ON POPULATION

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1. NO DECISION ON POPULATION SEMINAR PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT WAS POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF OPPOSING ATTITUDES OF GOVERNMENTS. US REPRESENTATIVE GAVE STRONG SUPPORT IN OPENING STATEMENT TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL TO ORGANIZE SYMPOSIUM ON POPULATION TRENDS IN ECE REGION DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE TO PREPARATIONS FOR 1974 WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE AND ATTEMPT WAS MADE BY WESTERN DELEGATIONS TO DRAFT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SYMPOSIUM. HOWEVER, SOVIET DELEGATE OPPOSED HOLDING SYMPOSIUM, INSISTING THAT QUESTION IS BEING ACTIVELY DEALT WITH BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT ITS INCLUSION IN ECE PROGRAM COULD ONLY LEAD TO UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION AND DISSIPATION OF RESOURCES. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE TALK THAT GOES ON IN UN ABOUT POPULATION CONTROL IS MEANINGLESS TO ECE REGION AND TO USSR WHERE PROBLEM IS JUST THE REVERSE. UNDER COMMISSION'S SYSTEM OF TAKING DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PUSH THROUGH ON POPULATION.

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2. STANOVNIK SAYS IN VIEW OF LACK OF AGREEMENT IN COMMISSION
HIS SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL IS DEAD AND HE CANNOT PLAN ANY SIMILAR
MEETING. HE THINKS BSPGEMTNNXKWOW# DO IS TRY TO GET
CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN STATISTICIANS (MEETING GENEVA
JUNE 25-29) TO DO SOMETHING RELATING TO DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
AND SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS (AD HOC PREPARATORY MEETING
JUNE 18-20) TO DO SOMETHING RELATED TO POPULATION PLANNING.
HE HOPES U. S. WILL SUPPORT THESE ENDEAVORS. BASSIN

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